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OUR CONFEDERATE DEAD.

BY ALICE BARTHOLOMEW.

Throw open the gate, near the soft velvet soil,
The dead are here, and yet so near God's
In sweet repose, with a whispering
voice,
Among the grass, and the low sweet
breeze,
From their homes 'neath the tropical
clime,
So far from their homes 'neath the tropical
clime,
From mothers and daughters, their sweethearts
and wives,
O! bring the next garden of 'red, white
and blue—
Sweet roses and flowers of every hue;
With love we will strew them all over each
grave,
Shed tears at the thought of the cause they
died for.
O! poor little hero, the golden of man,
You fought with ambition, you fought to
live,
And while you lay in a far distant clime,
Loved and adored you were far from home,
There some with a rude side, others with none,
Laid you in their graves with beautiful
flowers.
O! my child, in this to like unto all,
The lovely little children and as they will call,
In their graves, on water or land,
In the dear quiet homes and the battle so
grand.

OUR CHINA LETTER.

Mode of Traveling in the Orient—
How Three Crops are Produced
Mode of Cultivating
Crops, etc.

Yesterday, May 8th, a party of gentlemen, myself among the number, started early for a day's excursion in the Li Shan mountains. Our route lay for ten miles through a farming district, extending far up into the mountain gorge. The point visited was "Chien Fu" (nine peaks mountain). The valleys or gorges were filled with bamboo and pine groves, on either side of the pure crystal stream that finds its way down each gorge, leaping over precipices and rough boulders that all along impede its way. Our path of ascent was a narrow, winding "cat stairs," occasionally turning a point on the narrow ledge of projecting rock over a practically bottomless pit. Once as I walked on this road about twenty inches wide, I was staring down the gorge before me at the grandly wild scenery, when I set my foot too close to the edges and slipped off the track; but I saved myself a tumble down into the valley below by falling quickly against the upper side, which brought the center of gravity somewhere between the center of the road and my body. This caused a laugh at my expense, but although a sudden tumble against a rock is neither dignified nor desirable in itself, yet it is preferable to even a more graceful tumble into a deep valley.

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And have a smoke.

While all this going and stopping in progress you are sitting in an easy chair, with book or pencil in hand, or else taking observations along the way. And now we come to a second advantage in having such a town, viz: If you see something going on, the purport of which you do not know, you can inquire of your readers.

INQUIRE OF YOUR READERS.

If you understand his language, and have the matter explained.

Yesterday we passed men harvesting wheat, and at one village wheat-threshing was going on (the new crop). All grain is cut with a hooked knife, the blade of which is about ten inches long, and curved to a semi-circle. The grain stands in rows and is held in the left hand, the knife in the right hand; as it is cut it is laid in bunches to dry. It is then carried to the threshing yard, and stacked, but is not bound in sheaves. The grain is sown in August or September, and is harvested in May and June. One variety—the earliest—is a short straw and long-bearded. Another and later kind has longer straw and smooth heads. If you know of any good farmer who would like to experiment with this wheat, I will send you a package of the seed. Who knows but that a good wheat might be produced there—that would be too early for the rest to damage?

Often the sago day the wheat is cut the ground is broken for rice. This is done by flooding the field (or patch) as it is called in Kentucky, and plowing in the water several inches deep, so that as a mud, much as it were, is made into brick, in this mud. After sowing the ground a few days the water is drained off, the ground arranged in small furrows, and the rice sown. The rice seed having been saved in a prepared ground in April, the slips or plants stand as thick on the ground as

GRASS IN A MEADOW.

and look much like young timothy grass. These are transplanted in rows about ten by four inches, with general two stalks in each hill. The rice is sown in August and September, and the ground immediately broken for wheat. Or cotton is to take the place of rice, about the first of May—either before or after the wheat is harvested—the cotton seeds are planted. If the wheat is not ripe when the time comes to plant the cotton seed, they are planted in the spaces between the wheat rows, which are eight or ten inches apart, affording room to plant cotton with hoe without disturbing the wheat. As soon as the cotton is picked the ground is put in wheat. This there is a constantly growing crop on the ground, and when the wheat is planted, with it is also planted various vegetables—cabbage, radishes, turnips, etc., which grow with the wheat, and are gathered for winter and early spring use before the wheat begins its spring growth; so that practically, every foot of ground yields three crops every year.

PEANUTS ARE A LARGE CROP.

also, and they rotate with wheat. I saw two fields of oats, but both were mixed with wheat. I was of the opinion that it grew as wheat at home, and was not the desired crop. There is a plant grown for fertilizing. It looks something like clover and some-thing like flax. It grows a stalk twenty inches long, stands close to the ground, and is cut when in bloom and immediately spread upon the field and turned under to rot. It is said to have great virtues as a fertilizer.

All the agricultural implements are of the rudest and simplest sort.

The plow is a queer thing. The

beam is a curved stick—natural stick.

The handle is a straight stick, to which the beam is set. Upon the lower end of the handle is a simple triangular blade as a shovel plow, and the upper end is held to guide the plow. The gear consists of a stick twelve to fifteen inches long, tied by a raw-hide string to the end of the beam, to either end of which is attached a rope, which is tied to either end of a curved stick, to rest upon the animal's neck as a yoke. The animal is brought before the beam, the stick brought over upon its neck, and a cord attached to a stick thrust through its nose to guide it with, constitutes an outfit for plowing as beasts of burden used by farmers. The Water buffalo and Chinese cows answer the purpose. I have seen very small mules cows plowing with a young calf following as colts follow in the fields in Kentucky. As the fields are not larger than a front yard or garden, the calf is generally held by means of a string in its nose by a woman or child, and allowed to pick along the edge of the field. Cow's milk is not used by the natives. Hence Chinese cows are in demand only for raising calves and drawing burdens. A cow and calf will sell from

Eight to fifteen dollars.

All the cultivation of crops is done with hoes, and where, as is often the case, a man has no ox or buffalo, the fields are dug up with a hoe. The wheat is hoed as well as the cotton, etc. I spoke above of wheat-threshing. This is done in three ways. One is to arrange the straw in a circle and lead cattle around over it to tread out the grain. Another method is to arrange the straw in a circle and drag an octagonal stone about three

feet long and consigned with a pulley at either end, allowing the stone to roll over. As it turns it drops upon the faces with considerable force, and its conical shape keeps it in a circle. The third method is the flail. I have seen the flail and third methods employed in Kentucky. The grain is separated from the chaff either by means of a wooden wind mill or by throwing it up and allowing the wind to blow the chaff away. Women use the flail and do most of the grinding of the grain. Two women at the mill grinding is a common sight. While I mention this allow me to describe the most common mill. A square stone, with a round-bottomed hole, cut into which a pestle works a horizontal beam is adjusted upon a pivot, in the end of which a stone pestle is adjusted to fall into the mortar. The beam is so adjusted that the weight of a person on the farther end will raise the pestle; when the foot is taken off it falls into the mortar, which is kept filled with grain fed through

A BAMBOO TUBE AS THE HOPPER.

Two of these mortars are arranged side by side, and are worked by woeen. Another, the most improved mill, consists of two round stones, the upper of which is turned by an ox or pig, in the end of which a stone pestle is adjusted to fall into the mortar. The beam is so adjusted that the weight of a person on the farther end will raise the pestle; when the foot is taken off it falls into the mortar, which is kept filled with grain fed through

On the eve of the day of the assassination of Julius Caesar, the temple of Jupiter Stator trembled to its foundation, and an enormous piece of rock fell from the height of the capital, and carried with it a Roman Standard bearer, who was on guard at the opening of the road.

The generals of Alexander the Great noticed that on the morning of the death of this great captain, the armor which he wore at the passage of the Granicus, and the battle of Arbela, perished all of a sudden, and exhaled a smoke like that of a dead body.

Every year on the anniversary of the battle of Marathon, a day of victory and liberty for the Greeks, there was heard in the plains where the battle was fought, a great clashing of arms and a noise as of the shouts of persons rousing each other to combat.

The mother of Varus, a Roman lady of the highest distinction, on the day of her son's defeat in the Teutoberger Wald by the Germans, perceived large tears fall from his breast. A fearful eclipse foretold, also, to Rome and to Augustus the massacre of his legions and the first personages of the State.

Gustavus Adolphus, when young, relieved from a lady whom he much loved, an iron, which he never allowed to leave him. It was composed of seven circles, which formed the letters of his two names. Seven days before his death it was taken from him without his perceiving this extraordinary theft.

The day of the violent death of Charles XII, King of Sweden, they experienced at Stockholm a hurricane more dreadful than had ever occurred within the memory of man. The arms of the Swedish Ambassador, at London, also fell with a loud crash.

Duguesclin, on advancing to lay siege to Candan, fell from his horse, and his constant sword which he held in his hand, buried itself so deep in the earth it required a powerful effort to draw it out. His bier was decorated with the keys of the conquered town.

The Prince of Nevers (afterward Henry IV) while playing at dice with several other persons, Charles IX's court, on the eve of St. Bartholomew, observed several drops of blood fall on the cloth which spread conternation among the players.

Domestic Receipts.

This was omitted from the Bluegrass Cook Book by a worthy old bachelor.

MARRIAGE—Catch a young gentleman and lady. The young gentleman will be best raw, and the young lady quite tender. Set the gentleman at the dinner table; take a bottle of wine—claret is good, port is better, a little dash of champagne will give it briskness; let him soak in this mixture about two hours; if no signs of boiling, try another bottle. When getting raw in the gills take him into the drawing room, if in winter; set him at the fireside by the lady; throw in a dash of tea, about three cups each, and let them simmer together; if in summer time, place them in a current of air, as near the window, and as much out of the evening; Repeat this for three or four times, taking care to keep them as close to each

